

PREPARE AGAIN
TO TAKE TRAIL
AGAINST VILLA

Rapidly Drying Roads Allow
Passage For Motor Truck
Trains Bearing Sup-
plies to Troops.

MEXICANS SEE VICTORY
IN NEW AGREEMENT

Obregon "Got What He Went
After," is View Taken
Across Border Concern-
ing Conference.

International News Service:
COLUMBUS, N. M., May 4.—Rapidly drying roads through northern Chihuahua today allowed the reopening of truck transportation to stations along Gen. Pershing's line of communication.

One hundred and eight trucks, consisting of four trains, each heavily laden with food, clothing and ordnance, left here during the forenoon. As the troops in Mexico already are supplied with rations for 30 days, the new supplies were taken to indicate that there will be no immediate withdrawal.

A number of motor ambulances sent to the front seven days ago on experimental runs, returned here this morning, bringing back 27 soldiers, suffering from pneumonia and minor ailments. In one of the ambulances was a Mexican boy, who was accidentally shot while hunting, and voluntarily came to the American base hospital for treatment.

TO RESUME HUNT.

EL PASO, Texas, May 4.—With complete accord existing between the United States and Mexican authorities, it is expected that the search for Francisco Villa and his bandits will again be in full swing within 48 hours. Heavy cooperation will be given by the Carranza forces unless some unforeseen incident upsets the good results obtained by the conference between Gen. Alvaro Obregon, the Mexican minister of war, and Gen. Hugh L. Scott, American chief of staff.

Pres't Wilson and First Chief Carranza have accepted in a general way the terms made by Gen. Scott and Gen. Obregon. The agreement has been put into form and advice from Mexico City stated that Gen. Carranza was expected to ratify it today. Pres't Wilson is expected to take similar action at once.

Official acceptance of the terms of the agreement by the heads of the United States and Mexican governments did not cause any surprise here as the negotiations between the military leaders in Juarez were carried on with the utmost good will.

Mexicans See Victory.
In Mexican official circles the opinion prevails that Gen. Obregon got just what he went after. That is, a promise that the United States troops in Mexico would soon be withdrawn. With the cooperation of the Carranzistas it is believed that the remnants of the Villa band will soon be crushed and that the American soldiers will be out of Mexico within six months.

Ratification on the Obregon-Scott agreement will release great supplies of ammunition for Carranza's troops which have been held up on the border. It is badly needed.

In carrying on the deliberations Gen. Scott was guided by instructions given him by Pres't Wilson through the war department. Bolled down to a sentence these instructions were:

"Make the best terms possible for carrying out the object of the punitive expedition and for getting the United States troops back across the border."

The current belief here is that the United States forces will be withdrawn between 30 and 60 days from now.

Gen. Cava, the Carranzista commander in Juarez, has sent word to all the Carranzista commanders in northern Mexico to make ready to assist the Americans. Gen. Cava and other Mexican officials regard the outcome of the conference as a victory for the de facto government, basing this view upon the promise of the Americans to withdraw as soon as possible.

It was expected that there would be another conference between the Mexican and American military officers this afternoon to consider minor details.

In the short time it has been over the border the punitive expedition has created a good record for itself—a record which may be held up to shame the critics of the United States army. Long, hot marches over the deserts beneath the blazing sun, cavalry dashes through mountain defiles in the face of snipers' bullets and gallant attacks against an unseen and treacherous foe are only some of the achievements.

Near the top of the achievements

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Confesses Slaying
Clairvoyant Who
Blackmailed Him

News-Times Special Service:
FRANKFORT, Ind., May 4.—After two hours of grueling questioning, Giles W. Trask, 45 years old, wealthy elevator owner and farmer, today confessed to the brutal murder of Mrs. Alice Evans, better known as "Madame Rand," a clairvoyant, admitting he crushed her skull with a dozen or more blows from an axe. Mrs. Evans died early this morning in a hospital.

Trask confessed, the police say, that his motive was alleged blackmail by the woman. He declared she had given him advice in a divorce suit. "It was the only way to get rid of her," he said.

While the whole community was shocked, Trask remained calm. He immediately hired four lawyers to defend him.

Trask struck the first blow from behind at Mrs. Evans while she was preparing for bed, clad only in her night dress. She tried to ward off his blows. When Trask left her he washed his hands in her room. Mrs. Evans crawled to the sidewalk and her means brought neighbors from their beds. Her skull was crushed in six places.

Trask was arrested in the Clover Leaf freight yards, where he was found clinging between two cars. He was spattered with blood and armed with a revolver. He at first denied even knowing the woman.

Trask, in his confession, told the police he used a machinist's hammer instead of an axe. He declared the woman had blackmailed him for \$600 in the last year and demanded \$25,000 more. He went to her house to effect a compromise and attacked her after she threatened to call the police, he said.

SON DEFENDING MOTHER
MURDERS HIS FATHER

International News Service:
WILMINGTON, Del., May 4.—Defending his mother from a brutal attack early today, Louis Garyantes, 21 years old, killed his father, Lawrence Garyantes. The father had attacked the mother while she was asleep. The son used a baseball bat in defending her. When the officers arrived the son was leaning over the father's body, calling on him to speak.

FRENCH REGAINING
LOST TERRITORY

Heavy Bombardment Report-
ed on Verdun Front—Hand
Grenade Fight at Night.

International News Service:
PARIS, May 4.—A bombardment of the utmost violence was reported on the Verdun front today by the French war office.

The official communication states that the French positions at Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's hill), north-west of Verdun, have been extended and consolidated.

In the region of Avocourt, on the west side of the Meuse river, there was a hand grenade fighting during the night.

* Gen. Petain is still throwing heavy forces against the Germans west of the Meuse and the brilliant assaults are slowly but surely winning back territory which had previously been lost to the army of the crown prince.

Following is the text of the communication:

"In Belgium our artillery fire destroyed enemy organizations in the region of the Grand Duval and caused the explosion of ammunition depots.

West of the Meuse there was a violent bombardment of all the sectors. There was a hand grenade combat in the forest of Avocourt.

Enemy's Losses Heavy.
In the course of the night we extended and consolidated our gains around Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's hill).

"It has been confirmed that the enemy's losses were very considerable, mostly as a result of our artillery fire. During the bombardment two Germans fled into our lines, declaring that they were the sole survivors of the trenches which the French had been shelling.

"East of the Meuse there has been a violent cannonade in the region of Vaux.

"In the Woivre district our artillery carried out a severe concentrated fire upon the enemy positions.

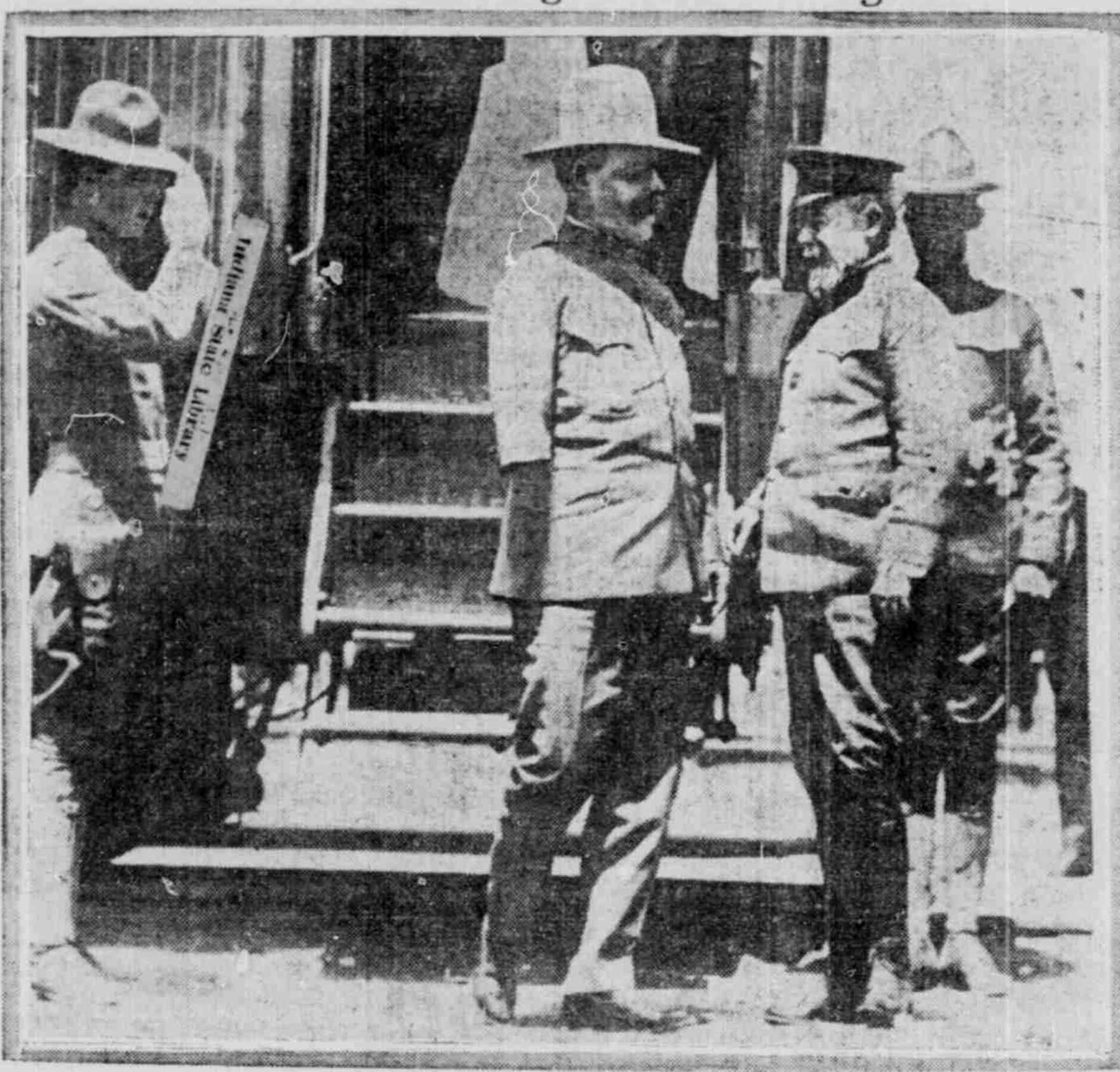
"At Eparges we exploded a mine near our trenches.

"To the east of St. Mihiel a strong reconnoitering party of the enemy tried to reach one of our posts in the region of Apremont, but was repulsed.

"The night was calm on the rest of the front.

"One of our battle planes gave battle to two German machines in the region of Douaumont. One of the enemy aeroplanes was shot down and the other fled."

Funston Parting From Obregon



The commander of the United States army on the border bidding good-bye to the Mexican minister of war after the private conference in Gen. Scott's private car in El Paso. He is shown facing Obregon, whose right arm was lost in a battle of the Mexican war.

PEACE NEARING
IN PITTSBURGH

Strikers Appoint Committee
to Confer With Westing-
house Officials.

International News Service:
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 4.—Peace in Pittsburgh's industrial strife which already has cost three lives and resulted in the proclaiming of martial law in the upper Monongahela valley, was in prospect today.

With 1,200 state troops, patrolling the streets of East Pittsburgh and Braddock, 200 of their number mounted, the second step toward bringing about a settlement of the general strikes was taken. The first was the appointment by the strikers of a mediation committee of 20. This committee met with Patrick Gilday, chief of the state bureau of arbitration and mediation today, for the purpose of arranging a conference with Pres't E. M. Herr of the Westinghouse Electric and Machine Co. and officials of other companies affected by the strike.

Cleary Way for Mediation.
Herr cleared the way for mediation today when he said:

"I am willing to discuss terms of settlement of this strike with any authorized committee of bona fide employees of our plant."

Five members of the mediation committee who are "bona fide" Westinghouse workmen, were selected to meet with Pres't Herr.

The Westinghouse workers, who with the others are striking for an eight-hour day, have lost \$1,112,500 in wages thus far, according to the company's statement today.

The wage losses of the host of strikers at other plants cannot be estimated.

Hundreds of strikers returned to work when the plants were reopened this morning, expressing their willingness to abide by the terms agreed upon by their committees in conference with their employers.

The climax of the strike disorder is believed to have passed with Tuesday's pitched battle, the third of two victims died during last night. Two others are in a critical condition.

Militia Unnecessary.
Even the employers feel today that the further holding of the authorized state militia in the strike districts is unnecessary. The probability is that the guardsmen will be ordered back to their homes as soon as a tentative agreement with the company officials is reached by the strikers. There has been no disorder whatever since the guardsmen arrived.

Separate from the general peace movement, but affected by the spirit of it, the 1,000 striking workmen of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie shops at McKees Rocks have appointed a mediation committee of 12 to take up terms of settlement with their employers. It is expected that by early next week the general eight-hour strike, which has changed the Pittsburgh district from a hive of industry to a city of idle mills, will be completely at an end.

TWO STRIKERS WIN.
BAYONNE, N. J., May 4.—Two employees of the Federal Crocoting Co., have won the smallest strike on record when the company granted their demands for an eight-hour day and more pay.

PROGRESS
of the War

International News Service:
LONDON, May 4.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that it is reported on good authority that the civil population has begun to evacuate Metz.

(Metz is the great German fortress in Lorraine. Although it has been raided many times by French airmen, the recent military operations have not been such as to suggest it is in danger.)

International News Service:
BERLIN, May 4.—French troops have succeeded in getting a foothold in the German positions on Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's hill).

Official admission of the French success at Dead Man's hill, north-west of Verdun, was made today by the war office.

Simultaneously with the French drive in the Verdun sector the British have begun to press home violent attacks at the northern end of the line.

The British have delivered a thrust against Lens, the strategic railway town held by the Germans in northern France, but their attempts to advance ended in failure, the war office report stated.

International News Service:
PARIS, May 4.—Another contingent of Russian troops has been landed at Marseilles it was officially announced today. This is the fifth body of Russian troops to be landed there.

The Telegraph learns that Sir Roger Casement would be brought to trial at the earliest possible moment, reports were current that the Irish knight, who was arrested while trying to land arms on the Irish coast, might be placed on trial before Sunday.

The Telegraph learns that Sir Roger will be tried in London, that the charge against him will be high treason, and that three judges will sit upon his case.

Works on Speech.
Sir Roger has been at work upon a patriotic address which he hopes to deliver in court, but it is a foregone conclusion that he will have no chance for oratory, and it is also taken for granted that his trial will be held in chambers.

During the past two days the British military authorities in southern Ireland have made many more arrests. Some of these prisoners are charged with having taken an active part in the recent fighting and others with having arms in their possession and with having been in communication with the rebel leaders.

Copies of a secret proclamation, issued by James Connolly, the "commander-in-chief of the Irish volunteers," calling upon all loyal Irishmen to enlist, have been found. These were evidently circulated through the counties in southeastern and western Ireland before the revolt broke out in Dublin on Monday, April 24.

The total number of Irish prisoners in the hands of the military authorities are now estimated from 1,500 to 2,000.

FINED FOR LIBELING
WASHINGTON'S MEMORY

International News Service:
TACOMA, Wash., May 4.—Paul Haffer today was convicted by a jury of "libeling the memory of George Washington."

Haffer's conviction followed a letter written by him and published in a newspaper, in which he referred to Washington as a "slave holder" and "inveterate drinker."

Under the state law Haffer is liable to fine and imprisonment. He will probably appeal.

GERARD TO GET
GERMAN REPLY
TO U. S. TODAY

Sec'y of State Lansing Officially Advised That Berlin
Foreign Office Will
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OFFICIALS APPREHENSIVE
DESPITE OPTIMISTIC NEWS

Chancellor in Communication
With Ambassador During
Past 24 Hours Indicating
Developments Soon.

International News Service:
BOSTON, May 4.—The Boston News bureau says this afternoon:

"A private New York dispatch this afternoon says that a cablegram from Amsterdam said that the kaiser has asked Pres't Wilson to intercede for peace in the cause of humanity."

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, May 4.—

Sec'y of State Lansing stated today that he has been officially advised by Ambassador Gerard that the German foreign office has promised to hand him some time today the reply to the American submarine ultimatum of April 18.

The secretary further stated that the notification from the ambassador contained no intimation regarding the character of the reply.

International News Service:
BERLIN, (via Amsterdam) May 3.—James Gerard, the United States ambassador to Germany, was in communication with the foreign office this morning. At the same time it was reported that the German reply to the United States note on submarine warfare would be transmitted "immediately."

During the past 24 hours Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial chancellor, had been in communication with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, and it was accepted as a certainty that the negotiations related to the German reply. Some uneasiness on the bourse indicated that there was some relaxation of the optimism which has pervaded the financial and commercial centers. However, there was no outward indication that the reply would be anything but favorable.

Well informed opinion was that if the German reply was not given today it certainly would be tendered on Friday.

International News Service:
CENTER ON BERLIN.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—American interest was centered on Berlin today. The German reply to the administration's submarine ultimatum was expected to be handed to Ambassador Gerard there before tonight. Upon its acceptance or rejection of the American demands depends a continuation of existing friendly relations between the United States and Germany. Officials admittedly were apprehensive despite the numerous optimistic dispatches from the German capital. There have been too many hitches at the very last moment in these negotiations in the past to permit acceptance of assurances that the entire controversy is to be amicably adjusted in advance of the official advice.

There is little doubt that Germany will announce that she has, in accordance with the American demand, abandoned present methods of submarine warfare. The clouded issue is whether this announcement is hinged upon a bargaining proposition demanding certain conditions at the hands of the United States. If it is there is little doubt but that the conditions promptly will be rejected by Pres't Wilson.

No Need For Cabinet Action.
Suggestions that if the contents of the note are not available before tomorrow's cabinet meeting a special meeting of the cabinet may be held on Saturday to consider it, were said to be unfounded at the white house today.

While the president and Sec'y Lansing are due to consider the note together there is no need for cabinet action. A definite line of policy already has been agreed upon. It provides for two alternatives and according to no less an authority than Sec'y of State Lansing there are only two alternatives that can come up—acceptance or rejection of the American position. If accepted, the danger has been passed. If rejected, then the next move is up to the president. And he has made it emphatically plain that this will be the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

South Bend Fans
Turn Out in Force
Welcoming Benders

South Bend turned out this afternoon to greet its baseball club which is now locked in mighty combat with the Dayton Vets from down in Ohio, under the direction of one Johnny Nee, known to local fans since he piloted Dayton and played with the team while South Bend was in the same league several years back.

It was opening day for Springbrook park as well as for the Central league. The grounds have been put in shape and when "play ball" was sounded, the fans settled back to get themselves accustomed to the new angle. The grand stand is situated in the southeast corner of the lot and the team is hitting in a different direction this year. There is not quite so much room as there has been in seasons gone by, but it will take some knock to put the ball out of the park.

The Vets reached camp early this morning and are stopping at the Oliver hotel. The team is in fair shape and should give the locals a nice battle this afternoon. They have won the four games played so far this season and Nee is confident his men will keep on showing the way for the other clubs.

Little Ceremony.
The game this afternoon started with very little ceremony. There was no parade, but Elbel's band made a tour of the city in a street car. The car carried announcement of today's game and the people who saw the band knew that there was something besides a circus or a minstrel show in town.

Mr. Koehler and his crew, who failed to play at Evansville, reached town in plenty of time to get out and get some practice before the game started. Mr. Koehler had Valden, McCool and Hill warming up. Valden is due a chance and he may be sent in. Ben delayed his announcement of the hurler until the last moment. Mr. Nee of the Vets did likewise.

Louie Loudemilch, who was signed by Smith several days ago, reached South Bend today. He is the only left hander Smith has on the club since Madden left.

Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons that the official inquiry into the cause of the Irish revolt will be opened next week.

Connolly's Fate in Doubt.
The fate of James Connolly, commander-in-chief of the Irish volunteers (the republican army) of Ireland, was a matter of widespread speculation today. In making his official announcement in the house of commons yesterday as to the execution of rebel leaders Premier Asquith was understood by many newspapermen in the press gallery to say that P. H. Pearce, James Connolly and another Sinn Fein leader had been shot. After the session of parliament was over and Mr. Asquith was questioned on the matter he said he had announced the execution of Pearce, Thomas J. Clark and Thomas MacDonagh. All were signers of the proclamation announcing the independence of Ireland.

Speedy passage of the new military service bill, providing conscription for married men and for certain classes of unmarried men not included in the previous compulsory service measure, was predicted today.

Slight Opposition.
When parliament convened this afternoon the program of business included the calling up of the bill on second reading, having passed first reading last night. Surprise has been occasioned by the weakness of the opposition to the measure and even suggestions that the bill be extended to include Ireland did not cause any sensation. The bill will not go into effect immediately after its passage. It provides a grace period of 30 days in which males of military age may enlist to avoid the stigma of compulsory service.

Premier Asquith stated that the war office intends to form a special reserve corps out of the men secured by the new measure. Members of this special corps will be employed in civil work, but must be prepared to arrange for call to go to the front at a moment's notice.

MANY BILLS ARE
STILL UNTOUCHED

Congressional Leaders Put on
Full Steam But Protracted
Session is in Sight.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, May 4.—Confronting an enormous mass of "untouched or untouched legislation," democratic legislative leaders today sought in vain for means to force an early adjournment of congress.

Democratic house leaders, Speaker Clark and Floor Leader Kitchin, put into operation a "steam-roller" plan perfected at the instance of Pres't Wilson and calculated to conclude the session before the end of July. But the leaders despaired of accomplishing the result sought by the administration, and the most optimistic house members named Sept. 1 as the earliest possible date for adjournment.

Practically all of the ambitious legislative program of Pres't Wilson and practically all the routine appropriation bills remain before the house.

The senate has before it the following:

Good road legislation; rural credits legislation; conservation bills; the administration corrupt practices bill; child labor legislation; the Burnett immigration bill; the fight over the confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis to be supreme justice, and the much-disputed administration ship purchase bill.

Senate is Busy.
The senate likewise must dispose of the numerous big supply bills, including the army and navy appropriation measures with their contented "preparedness" proposals.

While the senate can run unopposed measures through the legislative machinery with lightning speed, most of the pending bills contain disputed points which promise extended discussion. And the senate has so far evinced little disposition to hurry matters.

In the house the leaders have decided to resort to drastic "tag rules" to force through the remaining administration measures which include:

The Porto Rican citizenship bill; rural credits legislation; the ship purchase bill; corrupt practices legislation; and the big revenue bill which must supply the depleted treasury with funds.

The house likewise is behind on the routine work of the session. The army and navy appropriation bills still are under consideration in the committee and altogether 10 big supply bills have yet to make their appearance on the floor.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.
International News Service:
NEW YORK, May 4.—Steamers sailing today: Dante, Alghieri, Naples.

Due to arrive today: Noordam, Falmouth; Baltic, Liverpool.

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mander-in-chief of Volun-
teer Still in Doubt.
Conscription Bill Up.

International News Service:
LONDON, May 4.—James M. Sullivan, former United States minister to Santo Domingo, has been arrested in Dublin in connection with the Sinn Fein uprising. It was announced today at the United States embassy.

Sullivan has been brought to London and will probably be placed on trial here.

Sullivan was formerly a resident of New York, where he practiced law.

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MINERS ADOPT REPORT
OF CREDENTIALS BODY

International News Service:
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 4.—At the morning session of the tri-district anthracite miners' convention the final report of the credentials committee was adopted. Delegate Kelly then informed the convention that the Panther creek valley strike which was tied up by a walkout of about 12,000 workers strike, was due to a misinterpretation of the eight-hour day.

National Pres't White and Dist. Pres't Kennedy commenting on this statement stated that the proper officers would enforce all provisions in the agreement after ratification, compelling the operators to conform to all provisions. Pres't White added that some operators had put the eight-hour day into operation voluntarily and local strikers required the cooperation of the entire union body. He asked the delegates not to allow the present misunderstanding of any clause to act against the real principles of the agreement as a whole.

TEACHERS' CONVENTION
MEETS IN GRAND RAPIDS

International News Service:
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 4.—Two hundred teachers from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Nebraska, Colorado, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts are here attending the Western Drawing and Manual Training association conventions. The sessions will end tomorrow night.